

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 23



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member that Jesus said, He is the only God?
2. What did the Jews surrounding Jesus asked Him in v.24?
("How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.")
3. What did Jesus answer them in v.25? **(Jesus answered them; "the works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.")**.
4. What promises does Jesus give to those who belief and follow Him in v.28?
(Eternal life; they shall never perish; no one shall snatch them out My hand.).



Let's go deeper

5. What did Jesus say in v.30, to claim that He is the only God?
(Jesus said; "I and My Father are one.").
6. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' statement in v.31?
(The Jews took up stones again to stone Him.).
7. What was the reason the Jews wanted to stone Jesus in v.33?
(For blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.).
8. What did Jesus tell them to look for as evidence that He is God?
(v.37 – 38; "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me, but if I do..... , believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.").



Let's apply this

9. **John 10:36 – 38;** Do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, "you are blaspheming," because I said, "I am the Son of God?" If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me, but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.
 - Jesus's works is proof that He is God, and sent by His Father.
 - Knowing that Jesus is God, how does it impact your life?
 - Knowing that Jesus is God, how does it impact your decisions?
 - Knowing that Jesus is God, how does it impact your relationships?

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 23 (Jesus says He is God).

Read: John 10:22 – 42.

v.22 – 23; The Feast of Dedication, also known as the Festival of Lights and Hanukkah (from hānak, "to dedicate"). The temple had been destroyed by the Greeks under Antiochus Epiphanes. Hanukkah is an eight-day feast that begun in 165 BC by Judas Maccabee and his brothers to celebrate the rededication of the temple and restoration of sacrifices.

v.24 – 26; The language of a Messiah is biblical language. God has used this language through His prophets throughout the history of Scripture, but the Jews had come to decide that the Messiah was going to be a political king who showed up and was sort of like Judas Maccabeus and would lead this army to conquer Roman authority and set up their own government and take back the world. Jesus says the works that I do in My Father's name; they bear witness of Me.

v.27 – 29; Now Jesus is appealing to His Words, before this verse, He pointed to His works. In v.28; Jesus says; "I give them eternal life? For John eternal life is a relationship with God. And Jesus says, "no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand, because He is stronger than all." Who is going to steal me and snatch me out of the hand of my Father? "Can God be overpowered and can someone steal you from Him?" Or "can God fail?" No, you are safe and secure with your Father.

v.30 – 33; Jews would three times a day pray **Deuteronomy 6:4**, which was called the Shema; "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, He is one." And the word for "one" is a Hebrew word called echad, and means singularity and plurality coexisting simultaneously. They use it of grapes. "One cluster with many grapes" is an example that is given. And so, it literally means "Israel, the Lord our God, He is one God." Jesus says, "I and the Father" – God the Father and God the Son – we are One. And the Jews picked up stones to stone Him. In **Leviticus 24:16**; we are told that if you claim to be God and you are not God, that is blasphemy. Blasphemy is a crime punishable by death. Jesus was stating the fact that He was God.

v.34 – 39; World religions can be divided into two categories. One is this category of monotheism. Mono means singularity, one; and theism means God. One God. The other: polytheism, means many gods. Jesus did not say in v.34 that there are lots of gods. He quotes **Psalms 82:1, 5**; and talks about judges and rulers. Isaiah 43:10, 15; 44:6, 8; 45:5 – 21 and 46:9 says that there is One God, and Jesus says I am that God.

v.40 – 42; At this moment Jesus' life is just painful; He knows His death is close, and what He does is, He goes back to where His ministry started – the Jordan river. And v.42 tells us that many believed in Him there.